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Atlanta Stamp Collector's Club



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December 2019 Newsletter

### **Holiday Party Details:**

Our Holiday Party will be Tuesday December 3, at the home of Bob Lewellyn at 2442 Kings Point Drive, Dunwoody, GA 30338-5927. Bob says take Exit 30 north off I-285. Heading northbound from downtown Atlanta, through Spaghetti Junction onto I-285N, pass Buford Highway, Peachtree Industrial Boulevard, and then exit right at Exit 30 North Peachtree Road. Right onto North Peachtree Road and make a right at the light in front of Peachtree Charter Middle School onto Kings Point Drive. House is two-story, down the street a ways on the left.

I've enclosed a map as well.

Please bring pot luck sides or desserts. The club will provide sandwich meats and bread and soda and tea. Feel free to bring any other beverages you wish.

As usual we will have a White Elephant sale instead of an auction. Bring whatever you please – does not have to be philatelic.

### **New Meeting Site for 2019**

JavaVino 579 North Highland Ave NE, Atlanta, GA 30307 will host our club meetings starting in January 2019. Note that, from the Atlanta Library where we were meeting, people can go two blocks--one more stoplight out of town on Ponce de Leon turn right on N Highland go a little past the next stoplight and JavaVino is on the left. We will meet upstairs, stairway in back of room, and JavaVino sells coffees and wine (of course) and also pastries, sandwiches, breakfast food. The food menu can be found here: [http://javavino.com/docs/JavaVino\\_FoodMenu\\_2018.pdf](http://javavino.com/docs/JavaVino_FoodMenu_2018.pdf).

Bus 120 has bus stop almost right in front of JavaVino (on the other side of Babbette's Cafe) and one about a block down in front of Buddy's.

You should park in the back of JavaVino (driveway down on the left side of bldg). **NOT IN MANUEL'S TAVERN PARKING** (They do boot cars and charge \$75). If you feel you can't park in JavaVino's lot, you can find parking in the small neighborhood across the street. I've enclosed a map.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- December 3                      Atlanta Stamp Collector's Club HOLIDAY PARTY
- December 7                      Stamp Trading at home of Don Laberteaux, 5008 Brandlwood Ct., Lilburn, GA from 9 – 11 a.m. Coffee, talking and stamps. Call Don at 770-381-7114 for details.
- December 13 – 15              FLOREX 2019. Osceola Heritage Park, Events Center Hall B 1901 Chief Osceola Tr. Kissimmee, FL 34744. Sponsored by FSDA. [www.FLOREXstampShow.com](http://www.FLOREXstampShow.com)
- January 7                         Regular Atlanta Stamp Collectors Club meeting and auction. Meeting at JavaVino 579 North Highland Ave NE, Atlanta, GA 30307. See above for detailed directions. Meeting starts at 7:00.
- January 21                        Regular Atlanta Stamp Collectors Club meeting and program. Program to be provided by Vincent Rehder.
- January 31 – Feb 2, 2020      Southeast Stamp Expo 2020. Hilton Atlanta Northeast.

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### **France Airmail Issue C15 (and C15a)**

**By Steve Swain**

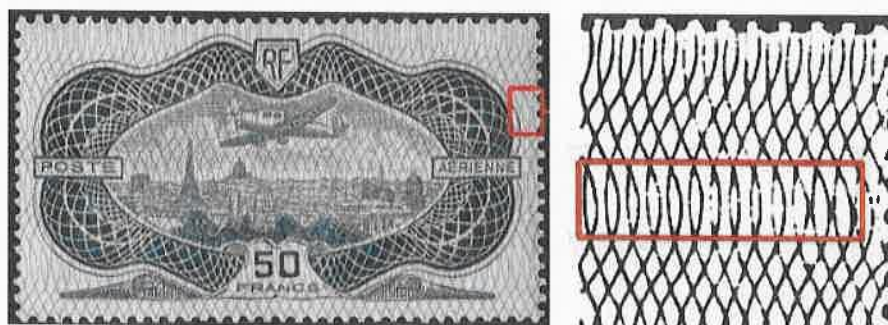
The Planning Committee of the Southeastern Stamp Expo acquired an outstanding philatelic collectible to be used as a raffle prize at the January 2020 Expo in Peachtree Corners, Ga. A lucky winner will go home with a marvelous copy of a highly sought-after 50-franc France Airmail stamp, Scott Catalogue number C15 (image below left). This magnificent specimen was made available to the show through a kind donation of one of the Expo's 2020 dealers.



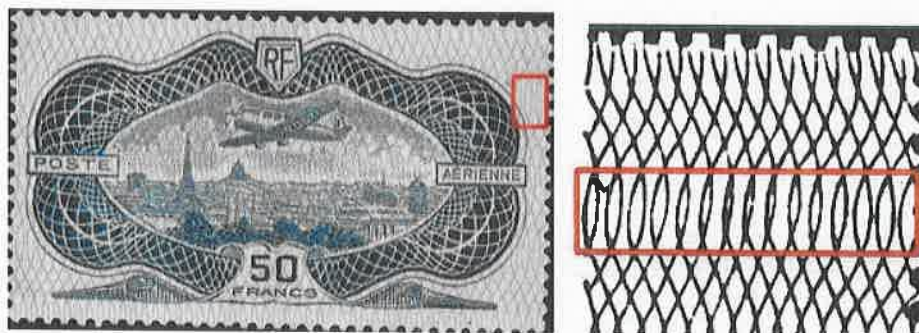
The stamp was issued on July 10, 1936, and features a *Caudron Simoun* monoplane (image above right) flying above Paris. This aircraft was used for mail delivery during this era. The raffle specimen is a very fine used copy, with a centrally struck Circular Date Cancel of May 7, 1938. The C15 is not considered a rare stamp, but it is so popular with collectors of French stamps and collectors of aviation topicals that it features a hefty price of about \$300 in the Scott Catalog.

As you can see in the above image, the stamp has a reddish net like pattern overlaid on top of the stamp (called *burelé*) with the resulting design giving the stamp a "banknote" appearance. Associated with the stamp's *burelé* is a variety of the C15, listed in Scott as C15a. Scott says the C15a *burelé* is reversed.

The below stamp image (left) is a mint copy of the C15 with a portion of the *burelé* highlighted in red. The image to the right is an artist's rendition of the *burelé* with a portion highlighted in red. Notice the design leans to the left.

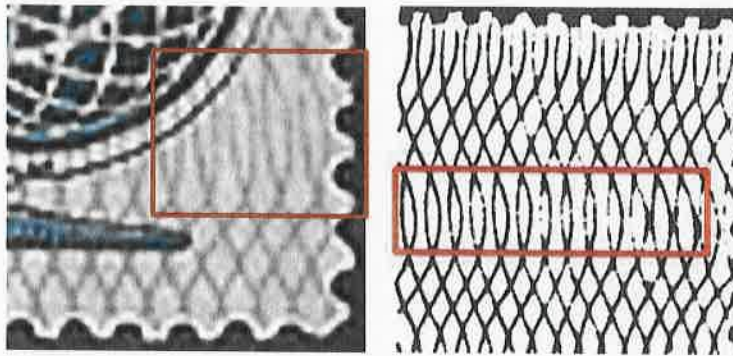


Alternatively, the below stamp image (left) is a mint copy of the C15a with a portion of the *burelé* highlighted in red. The image to the right is an artist's rendition of the *burelé* with a portion highlighted in red. Notice the design leans to the right, or reversed, as listed in Scott.



Is the stamp being offered as a raffle prize at the 2020 Southeastern Stamp Expo a French C15 or C15a? Given the above "left-right" explanations and images, the raffle prize stamp is certainly a C15. See the below enlarged image (left) of a portion of the raffle stamp and the artist's rendition of the C15 *burelé* (right).





Looking forward to seeing you at the 2020 Southeastern Stamp Expo, January 31 - February 2, 10 am to 5:30 pm Friday & Saturday and 10 am to 3 pm Sunday. The show will be held at the Hilton Atlanta Northeast, 5993 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard, Peachtree Corners, Georgia 30092. Complete information about the show can be viewed at <http://www.sefsc.org>.

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## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our club provides staffing for the registration desk at the Southeastern Stamp Expo as well as the Youth Explorers table. If you are able to volunteer for any of the dates, please let Scott Holmberg know. He will be passing around sign up sheets at the party and the first January meeting.

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American Topical Association has moved their offices to P O Box 2143, Greer, SC 29652-2143. Jennifer Miller is the new Executive Director. If you are interested in volunteering for them, talk to Barbara Asher. She is now coordinating Taste of Topicals for ATA.

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Our Southeast Federation of Stamp Clubs includes our club's page. The main site is [www.sefsc.org](http://www.sefsc.org). Our club's page is at [www.sefsc.org/atlanta-stamp-collectors-club.html](http://www.sefsc.org/atlanta-stamp-collectors-club.html). But be sure to check out all the other information on the site. New clubs were added to the Federation at the January meeting. Check out where meetings are so you can visit as you travel.

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If you are interested in writing for our newsletter or presenting to our club at one of our monthly meetings, please contact me at the email below or Scott Holmberg at [sdholmberg1@gmail.com](mailto:sdholmberg1@gmail.com) with your ideas.

LeA Coe, Secretary

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## Atlanta Stamp Collector's Club Membership

Our meetings are held at JavaVino, 579 North Highland Ave NE, Atlanta, GA 30307 at 7:00 on the first and third Tuesday of every month. Membership includes our monthly newsletter with upcoming stamp collecting events in the area. The First Tuesday meeting includes a stamp auction. The Third Tuesday meeting will have a featured speaker or presentation on a stamp collecting related topic.

Annual Dues of \$12.00 entitles you to our monthly newsletter and participation in all club events. You can pay your \$12 dues to our Treasurer, Barbara Asher at the next meeting or mail to her at: Barbara Asher, 1633 Adelia Pl, Atlanta, GA 30329.

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Are you a member of American Philatelic Society? \_\_\_\_\_

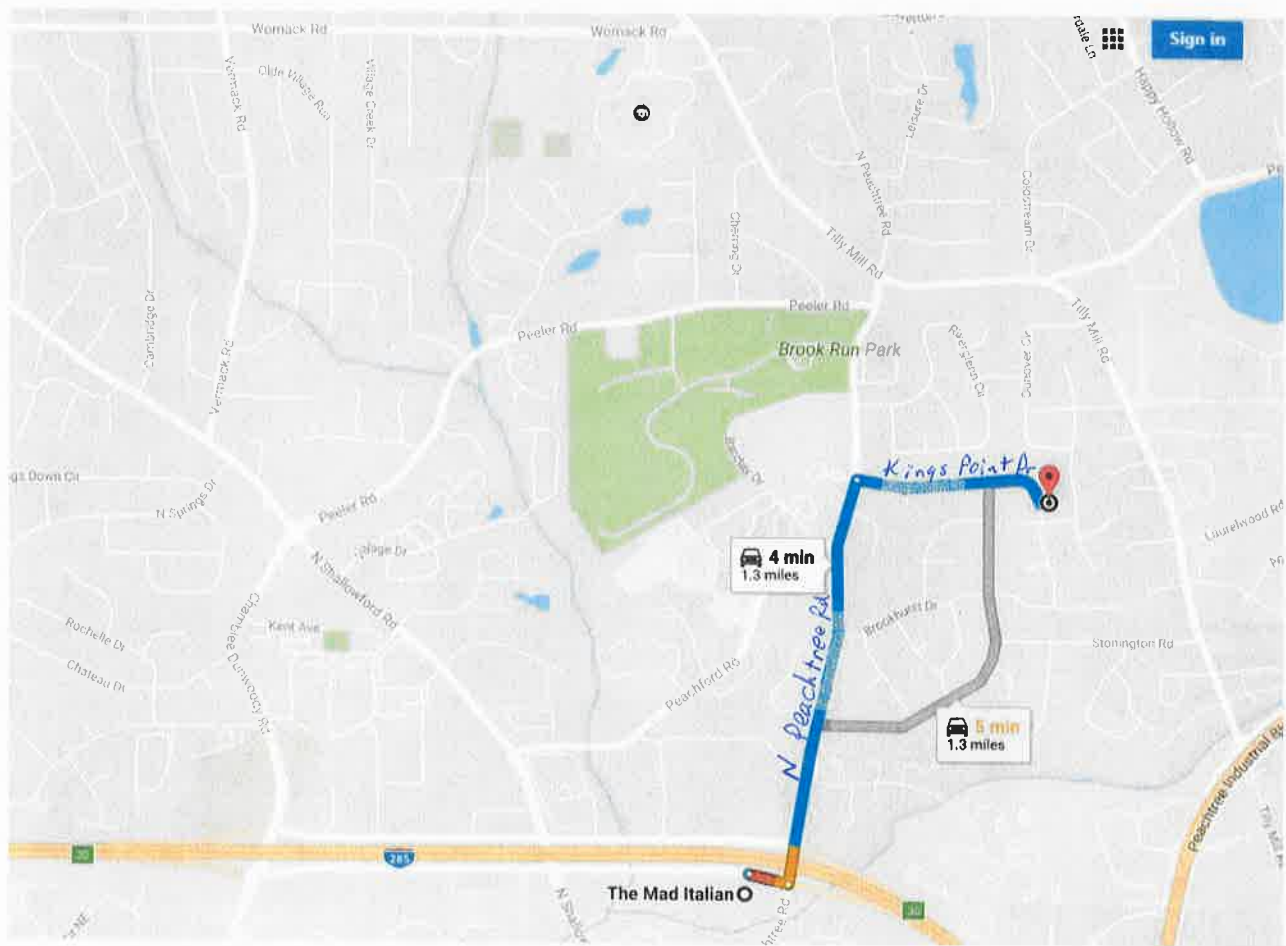
Are you a member of American Topical Association? \_\_\_\_\_

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We want to have a list of members with their interests so that those who bring material to the auction know what other members are interested in.

If you would like the newsletter in email form rather than snail mail, let me know. The newsletter is usually a PDF file and easily emailed.



On I-285 on north side take Exit 30. Drive North on North Peachtree Road about 1 mile to Kings Point Dr (across from Peachtree Charter Middle School) Turn right. House is on the left.

Can also take Tilly Mill Rd to North Peachtree and turn toward Brook Run Park and I-285. Then turn left on Kings Point Drive.

ADDRESS is 2442 Kings Point Dr.

